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RE: Withdrawal of Request for SIP Approval of paragraph (B)(1)(b) of OAC Rule 3745-17-03 Regarding an Alternative Procedure for Determining Compliance with Ohio's Opacity Limitation.

Dear Ms. Hedman,

On June 4, 2003, Ohio submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) request regarding incorporation of changes to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 17 for the regulation of particulate matter. On June 27, 2005, U.S. EPA proposed disapproval of a portion of OAC Rule 3745-17-03; specifically regarding provisions for the use of continuous opacity monitoring (COMs) measurements to determine compliance with Ohio's 20% opacity limitation (currently contained within paragraph (B)(1)(b)). Years passed without any further action on the 2005 proposed disapproval. Then on June 26, 2014, U.S. EPA noticed a supplemental proposal specifically requesting comments on whether any events have occurred or any policy considerations have occurred, since the 2005 proposed disapproval that should be considered as U.S. EPA takes final action on the 2005 proposed disapproval.

At this time, Ohio EPA would like to request withdrawal of our June 4, 2003 request to incorporate paragraph (B)(1)(b) into Ohio's SIP. Substantial time has passed since our June 4, 2003 submittal and circumstances have changed. This SIP revision request is no longer necessary at this time. Ohio EPA will be pursuing more relevant rule changes based on current circumstances for facilities within the State.

Sincerely,

Craig W. Butler
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Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA
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